Fee structure of private engineering/medical/management colleges

4435. SHRI RR GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to appoint a Commission to decide on the fee structure for all private engineering, medical and management colleges and also for holding a common All-India Engineering Entrance Examination; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including guidelines finalised, if any, to ensure autonomy to private institutions in these matters as directed by the Supreme Court in their recent judgement on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAIRAMJIBHAIKATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have constituted a Task Force for drafting norms and guidelines for fee fixation in respect of technical institutes including engineering and management colleges. As per the Interim Policy Regulation notified by AICTE on 20th March, 2003, State Governments are to decide a fee structure for the institutions in the respective State for the academic year 2003-2004. As regards the Common Entrance Examination, the Interim Regulation provides that AICTE approved institutes should join the Central or the State's Common Admission Test for ensuring a transparent system of Admissions. For ensuring autonomy to private institutes, the Interim Regulation revised the model constitution of Governing Body as notified by AICTE in its Regulation of 1994; the institutes have now been given freedom to constitute their Governing Bodies subject to restriction of qualification of its members in order to ensure academic excellence. As per the information furnished by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, they have neither formulated any proposal to appoint a Commission to decide fee structure in respect of the private medical colleges nor finalised any guidelines in pursuance of the recent judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the latter.

New text books on social sciences and history

4436. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Delhi and several schools have announced that they will not introduce new text books on social sciences and